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Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the last decision of the Examiner in the Final Office Action, mailed June 23, 2006, in the above-identified application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the 37 C.F.R. § 1.191 Notice of Appeal fee of **\$250.00 (Small Entity)** to the **Kenyon & Kenyon LLP** Deposit Account Number **11-0600**.

Applicant is submitting a Petition for Extension of time concurrently herewith.

The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 11-0600. A copy of this form is enclosed for charging purposes.

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